



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 408

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 617

Senate, April 16, 2003

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUES FROM FINES PAID FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 51-56a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each clerk of the Supreme Court and Superior Court shall
4 account for and pay or deposit all fees, fines, forfeitures and the
5 proceeds of judgments of [his] such office in the manner provided by
6 section 4-32. If any such clerk fails to so account and pay or deposit,
7 such failure shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Chief Court
8 Administrator who may thereupon remove the clerk. When any such
9 clerk dies before so accounting and paying or depositing, the Treasurer
10 shall require the executor of [his] the will or administrator of [his] the
11 estate to so account. If any such clerk is removed from office, the
12 Treasurer shall require [him] the clerk to account for any money of the

13 state remaining in [his] the hands of such clerk at the time of such
14 removal and, if [he] the clerk neglects to so account, the Treasurer shall
15 certify the neglect to the Chief Court Administrator.

16 (b) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the violations
17 occurred (1) all amounts received in respect to the violation of sections
18 14-251, 14-252, 14-253a and 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive, or any
19 regulation adopted thereunder or ordinance [made] enacted in
20 accordance therewith, and (2) ten dollars of the sum paid by each
21 person as a fine or forfeiture for any violation of section 14-218a, 14-
22 219, 14-222, 14-223, 14-227a, sections 14-230 to 14-240, inclusive,
23 sections 14-241 to 14-249, inclusive, section 14-279 for the first offense,
24 14-289b, 14-299, 14-301, 14-302 or 14-303 or any regulation adopted
25 thereunder or ordinance enacted in accordance therewith. Each clerk
26 of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other
27 official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court
28 Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April,
29 July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount
30 due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each
31 municipality served by [his] the office of the clerk or official, provided
32 prior to the institution of court proceedings, a city, town or borough
33 shall have the authority to collect and retain all proceeds from parking
34 violations committed within the jurisdiction of such city, town or
35 borough.

36 (c) For the purpose of providing additional funds for municipal and
37 state police training, each person who pays in any sum as (1) a fine or
38 forfeiture for any violation of section 14-12, 14-215, 14-219, 14-222, 14-
39 224, 14-225, 14-227a, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269 or 14-283, except as
40 provided in subsection (b) of this section, or (2) a fine or forfeiture for
41 any infraction, shall pay an additional fee of one dollar for each eight
42 dollars or fraction thereof of the amount [he] such person is required to
43 pay, except if such payment is made for violation of such a section
44 which is deemed to be an infraction, such additional fee shall be only
45 on the first eighty-eight dollars of such fine or forfeiture. Such
46 additional fee charged shall be deposited in the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Changes were made in subsections (b) and (c) for accuracy.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Judicial Dept.	Transportation Fund and General Fund - Revenue Loss	Approximately 2,300,000	Approximately 2,300,000

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
All Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Approximately 2,200,000	Approximately 2,200,000

Explanation

The bill requires the state to remit to municipalities a portion of revenue from fines imposed for certain motor vehicle violations (totalling about \$2.2 million annually.) In addition, state revenues of roughly \$100,000 would be lost annually under the bill because it exempts the ten dollar remittance from the surcharge applied to fines under CGS Section 51-56a(c).

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 617

**AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUES FROM FINES PAID FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the state to remit to towns some of the revenue it receives from people who violated motor vehicle laws. It requires the state to remit \$10 from the amount paid for each violation. Under current law, some of the amounts paid for violating most motor vehicle laws go into the Special Transportation Fund, which is used to finance transportation infrastructure improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sHB 6604 requires the state to remit the revenue from state fines imposed by local action to the towns where the violations occurred. The Planning and Development Committee reported the bill favorably with changes to the floor on March 31.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0